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1.

the Divisional

Quartermaster Supply Depot of the 27th Infantry Division

[redacted] was located in a large two-story, concrete building in the

UNCODED 29th Bom Artillery Kaserne, [redacted] Note: This supply depot and the Kaserne are covered in detail in other reports [redacted] and, therefore, are not discussed in this report. [redacted] which is located just outside of Kiskunfelegyhaza [46 43 N - 19 51 E].

2.

CBR protective

clothing and equipment were stored in a building in a kaserne at Kiskunmajsa [46 29 N - 19 44 E]. This kaserne was occupied by an infantry regiment [redacted] which was part of the 27th Infantry Division.

3. During divisional staff training maneuvers in 1955, different colored flags - red, green and yellow - were used to show gassed, contaminated and radioactive areas [redacted]

[redacted] instruction in and special squads from a CBR unit put on demonstrations concerning CBR warfare. The squads wore protective clothing and Model 1951 Gas Masks. [On file [redacted] are drawings of all protective clothing and equipment described in this report.]

4. The protective clothing and equipment consisted of a one-piece rubber suit, rubber stockings, rubber gloves, a rubber sheet, and the Model 1951 Gas Mask. [redacted]

a. One-piece rubber suit [See drawing [redacted] - Made of dull green colored rubber, this suit covered the wearer from the neck down to a point below his hips and also his arms except for the hands.

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b. Rubber stockings: [see drawings [redacted]] Made of the same type of dull green colored rubber as the one-piece rubber suit, these stockings normally are carried rolled up and under the flap of the gas mask carrier. They are designed so that they may be slipped over the regular issue boots and pulled up over the legs hip high, where they are tied around the thighs by means of strings. The foot portion of the stockings had an extra heavy rubber sole. When worn, these stockings cover the lower parts of the one-piece rubber suit, resulting in an airtight fit.

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c. Rubber gloves: [see drawings [redacted]] Also made of the same dull green colored rubber as the one-piece suit and the stockings, they cover the hands and enough of the forearms so that together with the arm portions of the one-piece rubber suit, they make an airtight fit. The top portion of the gloves has a loose fit.

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d. Rubber sheet: [see drawings [redacted]] Made of the same dull green colored rubber, it is rectangular shaped and is approximately 180 centimeters long and about 100 centimeters wide. When not in use, it is carried in the gas mask carrier, folded up and wrapped in an impregnated paper. The sheet may be used several ways. For example, it may be used like a cape to protect against falling chemical agents; also soldiers, when advancing under fire through a contaminated area, may use it to protect themselves from the contaminated ground if they have to seek cover. Under the latter procedure, the sheet is unfolded and is carried by one end in one hand with the arm raised and extended so that the soldier, when the need arises, may quickly spread the sheet and lie down upon it.

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e. Gas Mask, Model 1951: [see drawings [redacted]] The mask comes in three sizes: Size 1 is the smallest, Size 2 - medium, and Size 3 is the largest. The sizes are marked on the inside of the headpiece at the rear. The headpiece is made of grey colored rubber and has two eye pieces which are round and made of glass. The number KV 345 was stamped on the inside of the mask that I was issued at the rear, near the nape of the neck. A corrugated rubber hose connects the headpiece to the canister which is carried in the gas mask carrier. The canister has a grey, metal body with an attachment at the top for the corrugated hose. In the bottom of the canister, there is a round hole with a rubber plug which is inserted in the hole when the mask is not in use. To use the mask, it is necessary to remove the canister and take out the plug. The gas mask carrier is made of khaki-colored, canvas material. It has an adjustable shoulder strap which is two centimeters wide and an adjustable waist strap which is also two centimeters in width. The carrier itself is about 20-25 centimeters long, five centimeters wide, 15 centimeters high. Worn on the left side of the wearer, the carrier contains the gas mask, corrugated hose, canister, the rubber sheet, rubber stockings and rubber gloves. Each enlisted man and officer is issued a gas mask. I believe that the Gas Mask, Model 1951, is copied from a Soviet type. When not in use, the gas masks are stored in the arms room. In our arms room we had a weapons rack which was so constructed that small compartments at the bottom under the weapons were available in which to put our gas masks. Each of us was assigned his own name tag, weapon number and gas mask number.

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[redacted] series of drawings of CBR protective clothing and equipment. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

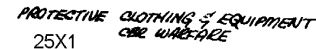
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